

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying an electronic equipment input state on a menu screen, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a first ring on a picture screen and a plurality of icons at predetermined intervals on the first ring;

~~selecting an icon corresponding to an operation;~~

rotating each displayed icon on the first ring while maintaining the order of arrangement;

highlighting an icon corresponding to an operation;

automatically displaying the ~~selected~~ highlighted icon larger than the other icons positioned on the first ring; [[and]]

selecting the highlighted icon;

automatically centering the selected icon on the picture screen and removing the remaining plurality of icons on the first ring from the picture screen; and

performing the operation corresponding to the selected icon.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

displaying a second ring of smaller diameter than the first ring surrounding a displayed position of the selected highlighted icon, when it is determined that a plurality of secondary operations corresponding to the operation exists;

enlarging the second ring when the highlighted icon surrounded by the displayed second ring is selected; and

displaying icons corresponding to respective input items at predetermined intervals on the second ring.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein one of the icons displayed on the first ring corresponds to the operation of returning to a display including a previous menu layer.

5. (Currently Amended) A display device comprising:
a display;
input means for selecting highlighting an icon on the display, the icon corresponding to an operation;
means for selecting the highlighted icon;
display control means for causing the display to display:
a menu screen having a first ring;
a plurality of icons at predetermined intervals on the first ring;
a rotation of each displayed icon on the first ring while maintaining the order of arrangement; [[and]]

the selected highlighted icon larger than the other remaining plurality of icons positioned on the first ring; and
the selected icon at the center of the display with the remaining plurality of icons on the first ring removed from the display; and
means for performing the operation corresponding to the selected icon.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A display device according to claim 5, wherein the display control means further comprises means for causing the display to display: a second ring of smaller diameter than the first ring surrounding the highlighted icon, when it is determined that a plurality of secondary operations exists for the operation; the second ring enlarged; and icons corresponding to respective input items at predetermined intervals on the second ring.

8. (Previously Presented) A display device according to claim 5, wherein the display control means further comprises means for causing an icon performing an operation of returning to a display including a previous menu layer to be displayed as one of the icons on the first ring.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of highlighting the first ring when performing selections on the first ring.

10. (Previously Presented) A display device according to claim 5, wherein the display control means causes the display to display the first ring highlighted when performing selections on the first ring.